

Pediatric Quality Measurement Program (PQMP)

Jointly lead by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the [Pediatric Quality Measures Program](#) (PQMP) was established as a part of the 2009 Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) legislation. The two broad goals of the PQMP are to establish a publically available portfolio of evidence-based pediatric quality measures for use by Medicaid/Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) and other programs, and to provide opportunities to improve and strengthen the Medicaid/CHIP [Child Core Set](#) over time. Since 2010, seven [Centers of Excellence](#) (CoEs) have been awarded grants to identify, develop, strengthen and/or test new and emerging measures of healthcare quality for the PQMP. So far, about [80 measures](#) have been identified or developed. The Child Core Set is evaluated and updated every year, at which point PQMP measures, as well as other measures, are considered for inclusion.

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

AHRQ is an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The mission of AHRQ is to produce evidence to make healthcare safer and higher quality, more accessible, equitable and affordable, and to work with HHS and others to make sure that evidence is understood and used. The Pediatric Quality Measurement Program (PQMP) is jointly facilitated by AHRQ and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

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Developer(s)	Seven Centers of Excellence awarded grants through the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).
Funder(s)	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).
Purpose(s)	To strengthen pediatric health care quality measurement through the creation of a publically available portfolio of measures, and to update/enhance the Medicaid/CHIP Child Core Set.
Target Populations	Pregnant women, new mothers, infants, children, adolescents and those with special health care needs in the US.
Data Sources	Most of these measures require data to be assembled from existing administrative 'claims' data and/or electronic health records. Instructions for assembling data for each measure can be found in the detailed PDF's available for some of the PQMP measures.
Technical Measure Descriptions	Technical specifications can be found in the detailed PDF fact sheet associated with each measure. (Currently not available for all measures.)
Number of Measures	80 and counting.
Topics of Measurement	Receipt of various preventative, assessment, and treatment care services, timeliness of care, follow up care, pregnancy and birth outcomes, anticipatory guidance, and patient satisfaction.
Reporting Requirements	Use of the PQMP measures is voluntary. State reporting on the Child Core Set is also voluntary, however, the Secretary of HHS is required to make publicly available information states report on the quality of care furnished to children in Medicaid and CHIP by September 30 th of each year.
Recommended or Required Stratification	Stratified data may be available depending on the source.
Link to Additional Info	Pediatric Quality Measures Program CHIP/Medicaid Child Core Set

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